



**Volunteer  
to be a Peer  
on Traffic Control  
Devices!**



## What is the Peer-to-Peer Traffic Control Device Program?

With more than 1,000 pages of standards, guidelines, and options, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) can be overwhelming. Couple this complexity with the multitude of unique settings and circumstances found throughout the Nation's transportation network, and questions are sure to arise.

The need for assistance in using the MUTCD, as well as in answering other questions related to traffic control devices, has led the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to establish a Peer-to-Peer program on Traffic Control Devices (P2P TCD). Recognizing that jurisdictions may face budget and personnel constraints as they address issues regarding traffic control devices, FHWA is providing this service *at no charge* to State and local transportation agencies.

## How does the P2P TCD program work?

When a traffic control device implementation question arises in a local, county, regional, or State agency, a representative can request technical assistance by e-mail or by calling a toll-free number. The coordinator matches the agency with an available peer who is experienced and knowledgeable in the relevant technical area. The peer then contacts the agency directly to advise on the issue raised.





If you are registered as a peer, you may be the expert called upon to help the agency with their technical problem or question.

### **How will transportation agencies benefit?**

The Peer-to-Peer program is designed to assist local, county, regional, and state agency officials to:

- More easily and cost-effectively implement the applicable standards, and
- Increase the level of understanding in the professional community

### **How can *you* help—and benefit?**

Your participation in P2P TCD and sharing your knowledge and expertise can:

- Enhance your standing in the transportation community
- Extend your professional network
- Help raise the level of knowledge and professionalism in the transportation community
- Help agencies implement the MUTCD standards more quickly, more accurately, and more cost-effectively

### **Who can be a P2P TCD Peer?**

Peers should have knowledge and experience in applying traffic control device standards to provide this assistance. Peers can be, but are not limited to, the following careers:

- State highway engineers
- Traffic managers
- Public works directors
- Project managers
- Local and regional planners
- Transportation engineers



Improved traffic performance and reductions in crashes and their severity through nationwide uniformity are the ultimate goal. By being a P2P TCD volunteer, you can help agencies realize the full benefits of uniform traffic control devices and contribute to safer, better highway conditions in the Nation.

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### **What are the steps to become a Peer?**

The steps to becoming a Peer are easy:

- Notify the P2P TCD coordinator of your desire to become a Peer. An information packet will be sent to you requesting detailed information on your area and level of expertise, as well as a conflict of interest acknowledgement form
- Return the completed information packet to the P2P TCD coordinator
- Once approved, your name will be added to the list of Peers.

The Peer's assistance timeframe is short-term and will address specific technical issues.

For more details about how you can participate in this new program, contact the P2P TCD Program Coordinator toll-free at **1-888-700-PEER (7337)** or e-mail **P2P@fhwa.dot.gov**.

**If you wish to be a peer on a less formal basis, please feel free to participate in the MUTCD Discussion Area on the MUTCD Web site at <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/threads.cfm>.**







Specialize in traffic control devices? Join the growing list of peers in the FHWA Peer-to-Peer program on Traffic Control Devices (P2P TCD). It's a great way to give something back to the transportation community and to help improve safety and mobility on the Nation's highways.

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For complete information about the MUTCD, visit the Web site:  
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